

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
December 13, 2007
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(Draft)
Public Workshop &
Community Forum

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, Sue Hansen, Chuck Gough, Paul Guerrant, Ralph Walton, Gary Ridderhoff, Darrel Coverdell, Shelley Gonzales, BJ Grieve, Gordon Graham, Clarice Ryan, Lamont Kincade, Bill Myers, Tom Lewis, Mike Richeson, Sally Janover, Alex Strickland.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Craig Wagner at 11:00 PM and was turned over to Shelley Gonzales.

She had emailed the areas she re worked earlier giving us time to read them. With help from BJ Grieve she deleted some non essential verbiage and in some areas used correct terms used by planners. We went over them all and did change a word or two, but the Neighborhood Plan Is done. A motion was made to accept the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan and it passed unanimously. (m/sc: Gough/Gonzales) Sue and Shelley are going to be retyping the new changes and then we will have it on the web. We then went over the Land Use Map and found more land we could designate as potential commercial development. We have plenty of land for Suburban Residential. We then decided a timeline for getting this to the Planning board. It must be available to the public for 30 days so we plan to have a public meeting on February 7, 2008 in the evening to answer any questions. We will be putting notices in the papers and around town. The secretary will try to secure the church basement. February 14, 2008 The BSC Board will then hand it to the BLUAC for their approval and then forwarded to the Flathead County Planning Board and the job that was started over 4 years ago will hopefully be done.

The next item on the agenda was the Community Forum: The only people present were Tom Lewis and Bill Myers. Tom gave a presentation about the failing sewer lines, corroded water lines, curious storm water collectors and the eroding north bank of Bigfork Bay and how cottonwood tree roots are now in the water. (see attachment in Secretary's notebook). At his own expense he hired a Hydrologist to conduct tests of the water quality along the northern edge of the bay. The tests showed heightened levels of nitrates, and effluent material all along this edge. There is a manhole on the eastern edge of his property he suspects is leaking at times.

Bill Meyers also spoke on the eroding of his property next to Toms. He has been complaining about the same problem for years. The elderly infrastructure of the Water and Sewer lines needs replacing and modernizing. He is thinking of putting a retaining wall at his boat landing before he loses more of his property. Both men complained to the fact that the new lift station being built is just a band aid when the whole water and sewer system needs to be replaced and storm water needs to be mitigated

Treasurer's Report: Chuck reported that our balance remains the same as last month.

This secretary had the great pleasure to present Chuck \$1000.00 donation to our treasury

from the Saddlehorn Foundation presented last Saturday night in the names of Shelley Gonzales and Sue Hanson for all their hard work on the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan. (What a community we have!!)

Resort Tax: No Report Next meeting is December 18, 2007 at the Chamber of Commerce

Lake County Planning: No Report

Vision Committee: Sally was present but had to leave. She gave us a paper about glass recycling. The price you pay is \$10.00 for a 32 gal can full. You can get a report cmhaugh 4@earthlink.com. For more information contact World Recycling at 257-7885 For more information on recycling pickup contact susannemuellner@trailswestaglebend.com

Watershed Committee: This committee will be under the auspices of the county commissioners due to legal and money handling therefore it is going to be an appointed committee here in Bigfork. We have the opportunity to show the state of MT how to get funds for specific water projects. If anyone is interested then you need to send a letter of intent and resume to enelson@co.flathead.mt.us by email, snail mail or in person. She is the Commissioners secretary.

Chairman's Report: Craig asked Chuck to reopen his claim with DEQ with regard to storm water runoff from Mill Creek. Chuck did report that what they said would be done wasn't completed. Both he and Clarice complained about the water on Holt Drive after the recent rains.

Announcements: Craig would like to announce 2 upcoming events he is arranging. One is a power point presentation by Drew Hubastek on ambient lighting. Lighting which doesn't light the whole sky, and a good example is IGA and lighting trespass. Another one is a presentation on Wildfires and Bigfork by Rick Trembath a. These will be after the first of the year.

Since we are all busy at this time we have decided not to hold any meetings until January 3, 2008. We will take a 2 week hiatus.

There will be a BLUAC meeting On December 27, 2007 4:00 pm. They have one item on the agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40

Pat Wagner, Secretary

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Happy Holidays to all